WHEREAS, April 19, 1905, marked the birth of Curtis B. Mateer to Walter and Clare M. Mateer, in Sully County, South Dakota; and,

WHEREAS, Curt graduated from Pierre High School in 1925, began employment with the Pierre National Bank on January 2, 1926, and married Verna Sinkle of Buffalo County, South Dakota in May of 1937; and,

WHEREAS, Curt joined the staff of the Pierre National Bank as a Stenographer, later advancing to the positions of Bookkeeper, Teller, Assistant Cashier, Cashier, Executive Vice President, and President and Vice Chairman of the Board, which position he now holds; and,

WHEREAS, Curt has been very active in civic and community affairs and has held many offices in the areas of state and national banking. He helped organize, and is a Past President of, the Pierre Junior Chamber of Commerce; in 1954 he was presented the "Good Government Award" for outstanding contribution in promotion of good government in the City of Pierre; he was honored in 1966 with the Pierre Jaycee "Boss of the Year" award; and he has an honorary membership in the Phi Theta Phi International Commerce Praternity; and,

WHEREAS, Curt is a member of the Episcopal Church, and enjoys the hobbies of golf and coin collecting, having one of the most outstanding coin collections in the State of South Dakota; and,

WHEREAS, January 27, 1976, marks the retirement of Curt Mateer, after fifty years of continuous service, from the banking field; and,

WHEREAS, As Governor of South Dakota I want to express thanks and appreciation on behalf of all citizens of South Dakota for the many fine contributions which Curt has made to his community and to his State; and,

WHEREAS, Curt is one fine human being, whom I am proud to call my friend, and I want to wish him and Verna the best of everything as they embark upon their years of well deserved retirement:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD F. KNEIP, Governor of the State of South Dakota, in honor of Curt's many years of dedicated service, do hereby proclaim Tuesday, January 27, 1976, as

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in South Dakota, and do urge his many friends to join with him in celebration on this day.

RICHARD F. KNEIP, GOVERNOR

LORNA B. HERSETH, SECRETARY OF STATE